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SUBJECT: LIBYAN PRESS LASHES OUT AT EGYPTIAN CRITICISM  
OVER OPEC ATTACK

1. AN EDITORIAL IN THE LIBYAN PRESS DECEMBER 23 LASHED OUT AT EGYPTIAN PRESS INSINUATIONS OF LIBYAN COMPLICITY IN OPEC ATTACK. FBIS HAS CARRIED A LIBYAN SUMMARY OF THE EDITORIAL, WHICH IS A LONG ONE, AND WHICH RAISES ALL OF THE OLD LIBYAN ACCUSATIONS AGAINST EGYPT, STOPPING SHORT ONLY ON ATTACKING PRESIDENT SADAT BY NAME.

2. THE EDITORIAL EXPLAINS LIBYAN SILENCE ON SINAI II BY SAYING THAT "WE HAVE LONG TAKEN PITY ON THEM BY OUR SILENCE," AND BY QUOTING THE PROVERB, "NOTHING BUT COMPASSION FOR THE DEAD." IT DRAGS UP THE OLD CHARGE THAT THE AMIN BROTHERS ("THE EDITORS OF AL-AKHBAR") ARE U.S. SPIES: "IT IS NATURAL THAT WHAT AL-AKHBAR WRITES SHOULD BE DICTATED BY AMERICAN INTELLIGENCE."

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AT THE SAME TIME, THE EDITORIAL REPEATEDLY ASSERTS

THAT AL-AKHBAR IS AN OFFICIAL ORGAN OF THE GOE, AND  
THAT THE GOE IS THEREFORE RESPONSIBLE FOR WHAT IT SAYS.  
ALL OF THE OLD LIBYAN GRIEVANCES AGAINST EGYPTIAN  
POLICY ARE REHEARSED: WHEN THE ARAB MASSES ARISE,  
"IT WILLGO HARD ON THOSE WHO HAVE ALLIED THEMSELVES  
WITH THE ENEMIES OF THE GULF, WHO HAVE ACQUIESCED IN  
THE SLAUGHTER OF THE ARAB PEOPLE OF OMAN, WHO HAVE  
ALLOWED THE ENEMIES OF THE ARAB PEOPLE OF EGYPT TO  
REGAIN THEIR POLITICAL, ECONOMIC AND PROPANGANDA  
POSITIONS, WHO ARE PROUD OF THEIR FREINDSHIP WITH  
AMERICA, THE PRINCIPAL ALLY OF THE ZIONIST ENEMY, WHO  
HAVE APPROVED THE STEALING OF PALESTINE, AND WHO HAVE  
TURNED ARAB WATERS INTO A PASSAGE FOR THE SHIPS AND  
CARGOES OF THE ENEMY." ET CETERA.

3. COMMENT: THE MAIN LINES OF THE EDITORIAL WERE  
PROBABLY DICTATED BY QADHAFI, WHO OBVIOUSLY HAS BEEN  
STUNG BY AL-AKHBAR'S HINTS OF LIBYAN CONNIVANCE IN THE  
OPEC ATTACK, AND WANTS TO SERVE NOTICE THAT HE WILL  
GIVE AS GOOD AS HE GETS IF THE PROPANGANDA WAR PICKS UP  
AGAIN. IT IS SIGNIFICANT THAT, ALTHOUGH THE VIENNA  
TERRORISTS ARE DESCRIBED NEUTARLLY AS "THOSE WHO  
CARRIED OUT THE ATTACK" AND NOT AS FEDAYEEN, THERE IS  
NOT A BREATH OF CRITICISM OF THEM. THIS WOULD BE, ONE  
WOULD THINK, THE BEST WAY TO REFUTE CHARGES OF LIBYAN  
COMPLICITY IN THE ATTACK, AND THE OMISSION IS DAMNING.  
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